

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – R&B Dept. – Vigilance & Enforcement - Verification of “Cyclone Damage Repairs to Gannavaram – Puttagunta road from Km.0.000 to Km.19.000” in R&B Division, Vijayawada – Disciplinary proceedings initiated – Inquiry conducted – Inquiry report communicated - Imposing of punishment of Five percent (5%) cut in pension for two (2) years against Sri P.Sreemananrayana, the then Superintending Engineer, R&B Circle, Vijayawada (Retired), under APRP Rules,1980 –Reg.

TRANSPORT, ROADS & BUILDINGS (VIG.R&B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 154

Dated: 08-06-2021.

Read the following:

1. From the D.G. (V&E) & E.O. Prl. Secretary to Govt., G.A. Department Appraisal Report No.47 (1025)/ V&E/ E2/ 2010), dt.26.05.2012.
2. Govt.Memo.No.7596/Vig.I.1/2012-1, TR&B (Vig.R&B) Dept.,Dt.03.08.2012.
3. Proceedings of the ENC(R&B) Admn., A.P., Memo.No.1005/VC.I/2012-1 to 4, dt.18.10.2012.
- 4.G.O Rt. No. 191, T.R&B(VIG) Deptt., dt. 28.06.2017.
5. From the E-in-C(R&B) Admn Lr.No.1005/VC(1)/2012,Dt.11.12.2015.
6. G.O.Rt.No.136,T,R&B(Vig.R&B) Dept., dt:11.04.2018.
7. From the Commissioner of Inquires, GA Department D.O.Lr.NO.72/COI-PKS/2018, dt:14.12.2018.
8. Govt. Memo.No.7596/Vig(R&B)/2012, Dated:02.01.2019.
9. From the ENC, Vijayawada Lr.No.994/VC(1)/2012, dt. 28.03.2019 & dt.06.05.2019.
10. Govt. Memo.No.7596/Vig(R&B)/2012, Dated:21.08.2020.
11. From Sri Sri P.Sreemananrayana, the then Superintending Engineer, R&B Circle, Vijayawada (Retired), dt:14.09.2020.
12. Govt.letter No. 7596/Vig(R&B)/2012, dt:10.10.2020.
13. From the Secretary APPSC, Vijayawada, Letter No.362/DC&C/2020, dt:06.11.2020 & 27.01.2021.

ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the General Administration (V&E) Dept., have furnished their Appraisal Report, wherein certain irregularities were alleged against (a) Sri Sri P.Sreemananrayana, the then Superintending Engineer, R&B Circle, Vijayawada, (b) Sri K.V.Raghavendra Rao, the then Deputy Superintending Engineer (R&B) Circle, Vijayawada, (c) Smt.T.Jyothi, Technical Officer, R&B Circle, Vijayawada, and (d) Smt. T.Sunitha, Asst.Technical Officer,(R&B) Circle, Vijayawada, for deviating the tender conditions while concluding the agreement in the verification of “Cyclone Damage Repairs to Gannavaram – Puttagunta road from Km.0.000 to Km.19.000” in R&B Division, Vijayawada.

2. Article of Charges were framed against Sri Sri P.Sreemananrayana, the then Superintending Engineer, R&B Circle, Vijayawada, by the E-in-C(R&B) Admn. vide his proceedings 3rd cited. In the reference 4th cited, the Engineer-in-Chief(R&B) Administration, while furnishing a copy of the Articles of Charge, Written Statement of Defences of the (4) Charged Officers has requested to exonerate the charged officer from the charges.

3. Government, after examining the matter, have observed that, since the Charged Officers are deviated the tender conditions while concluding the agreement and not obtaining the prior approval for deviations in execution of reaches from the competent authority in respect of Verification of “ Cyclone Damage Repairs to

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Gannavaram – Puttagunta road from Km.0.000 to Km.19.000” in R&B Division, Vijayawada and orders were issued imposing a minor penalty of withholding of one (1) increment without cumulative effect against all the Charged Officers vide G.O. 4th cited.

4. Aggrieved by the above punishment, Sri P.Sreemananrayana, the then SE has fled O.A.No.2716/2017 in Hon’ble APAT praying the Court to direct the Respondents to suspend the operation of the G.O.Rt.No.191, TR&B(Vig) Deptt Dt.28.06.2017, issued by the Government and later approached High Court vide W.P.No.37072 of 2017. The Hon’ble High Court delivered judgment on dt:6.11.17 duly set aside the above said G.O 4th read above.

5. Government after examination of the matter and keeping in view of the judgment of Hon’ble High Court, it is decided to continuing the disciplinary proceedings and an Inquiry was ordered against the above COs vide G.O. 6th cited. The Inquiry Authority has submitted his Inquiry Report, along with other COs vide ref. 7th cited. In the enquiry report, he has stated that, taking into account the documentary and oral evidence adduced in the case before him and the reasons discussed above, the IA hold that the charges framed against the Charged Officer Sri P.Sreemananrayana, the then Superintending Engineer, R&B Circle, Vijayawada, is proved.

6. Copy of Inquiry Authority Report was communicated to the C.O. along with other C.Os. under rule 21 of the APCS (CC&A) Rules through ENC(R&B) Admn., A.P.,Vijayawada, for their representation if any on the findings of the Inquiry Authority vide reference 8th cited. The charged officer Sri P.Sreemananrayana, the then Superintending Engineer, R&B Circle, Vijayawada, has submitted his representation and requested to drop further action against him vide reference 9th cited.

7. The Charged Officer Sri P.Sreemananrayana, the then Superintending Engineer, R&B Circle, Vijayawada was retired from Service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.12.2019. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. Government, after careful examination of the written statement of defence of Charged Officer and in light of the Inquiry report of the Inquiry authority, it is decided provisionally to impose a penalty of withholding of five percent (5%) cut in pension for a period of two (2) years against Sri P.Sreemananrayana, the then Superintending Engineer, R&B Circle, Vijayawada(Retired), under APRP Rules, 1980, for deviating the tender conditions while concluding the agreement in the Verification of “Cyclone Damage Repairs to Gannavaram – Puttagunta road from Km.0.000 to Km.19.000” in R&B Division, Vijayawada.

9. Accordingly, show cause notice was issued, in the reference 10th cited, to the Charged Officer i.e., Sri P.Sreemananrayana, the then Superintending Engineer, R&B Circle, Vijayawada(Retired), duly indicating proposed punishment. In reply to the show cause notice, the Charged Officer in his representation, through reference 11th cited, has accepted the penalty of withholding of five percent (5%) in pension for a period of two (2) years against him.

10. After examining the matter, Government have decided to inflict a punishment of 5 %(five) cut in pension for a period of two (2) years against Sri P.Sreemananrayana, the then Superintending Engineer, R&B Circle, Vijayawada(Retired), under A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

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11. The Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, who was consulted on the proposed punishment vide reference 12th read above, have agreed and communicated their concurrence vide reference 13th read above, for punishment of 5 % (five) cut in pension for a period of two (2) years against Sri P.Sreemananrayana, the then Superintending Engineer, R&B Circle, Vijayawada (Retired), under A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

12. Government, after careful examination of the matter, here by order to impose the punishment of 5 % (five) cut in pension for a period of two (2) years against Sri P.Sreemananrayana, the then Superintending Engineer, R&B Circle, Vijayawada(Retired), under A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

13. The I/c Engineer –in- Chief (R&B) Administration, A.P., Vijayawada shall take further action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M.T.KRISHNA BABU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri P.Sreemananrayana, the then Superintending Engineer, R&B Circle, Vijayawada (Retired) through the I/c Engineer –in- Chief (R&B) Administration ,
Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

Copy to:

The I/c Engineer –in- Chief (R&B) Administration, Vijayawada.

The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat,
Velagapudi

The Secretary, APPSC, Vijayawada.

The Accountant General Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

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SECTION OFFICER